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SCHOOL REPORT.

To-morrow the annual report of the President of the Board of Education will be published in The Republic.

Aside from its bearing on the propos Increase of taxation, this digested collection of facts should be read, cut out and read again, by every parent and every taxpayer.

In view of its relation to the presen question of taxation the report become still more a necessary summary of in-

The Republic disapproves the submis sion of the tax proposition at this time. statement of school and the argument for larger income are commended to the careful consideration of our citizens.

PROMISES GOOD RESULTS.

Chief Campbell's official order to the Captains of the various police districts, commanding them to immediately begin the raiding of objectionable saloons with wineroom attachments and to arrest the disreputable characters found therein, is justified by his own statement as to the class of persons who frequent those places.

The Chief himself is authority for the essertion that thieves, confidence men and the fallen women in league with such criminals are steady patrons of the swinerooms, and that these resorts are "hotbeds of iniquity."

As such, they should be closed and kent closed. Chief Campbell's plan of preferring such charges against their frequenters as the police may deem best fitting the various cases is an excellent one. Falling to reach the wineroom proprietors, as may happen, it is acting in the interest of the community to bring deserved punishment upon criminals found in the winerooms.

There need be no failure to reach and punish the divekeepers themselves, however, if the Police and Excise Departments co-operate in the crusade against the winerooms. It is the duty of the police to make reports of the existence of these demoralizing resorts. It is the duty of the Excise Commissioner to rewoke the licenses of their proprietors. If these respective duties are faithfully performed, the wineroom evil will be suppressed in St. Louis within thirty days. Public sentiment demands the suppression of this evil.

NOT A GOOD PRECEDENT.

In paying a ransom to the abductor for the return of his abducted son, Edward Cudahy, the millionaire packer has taken a very natural course, but he has established a bad precedent. A successful coup in Omaha is not unlike ly to be followed by similar attempts in other parts of the country, and abduction of the children of wealthy parents may become a popular species of crime and if Mr. Cudahy's course is followed in many cases, a remunerative species.

Doubtless the case of little Charlie Ross, whose parents on advice of the police refused to have any dealings with the abductors, and who was never recovered, exercised an influence in the present case. Few parents, who could readily afford the ransom asked, would take the public-spirited, self-sacrificing course taken by the parents of Charlie Ross, especially with the dread outcome

of that case before them. For the protection of the community and the discouragement of a species of crime which is easy in perpetration and extremely remunerative if successful, rich parents will contend that Mr. Cudahy should have refused all parley with the abductors. It is easy for the rich man whose child is not in question to give such advice, but it is doubtful

whether he would follow it.

the police and detective machinery of scandal. The sure result of the inquiry the country, the course which will best | now being instituted must be the refdiscourage such erime is to hunt down the abductors to deprive them of their gain and to secure their drastic punishment by every means at hand.

MISSOURI COUNTIES. Through all its misguided efforts to

blacken the reputation of Missouri the Globe-Democrat avoids making any comparison between the prosperity of Democratic counties and that of Republican counties. Without a comparison of some kind

how can a conclusion be reached, even on the Globe's imbecile theory that political opinion controls a community's local business?

The Republic has offered to accept any basis of comparison. The Globe in a hang-dog way dedges the issue. It sticks to the worthless and unfair method of picking a few long-settled agricul-PER COPY. | tural counties, where population has of late years not changed materially, and uses the figures to give what little substance it can to the gress slander. In discussing these counties it refuses to mention the fact that they are among the most prosperous, best educated and most happily situated communities in the whole West.

On the Globe's narrow ground of mere census increase decent regard for the truth would suggest at least a comparison covering the entire State. Of the 114 counties in Missouri, leaving the city of St. Louis out entirely, seventythree gave Democratic majorities, while forty-one gave Republican majorities. The net increase in the population of the Democratic counties is 210,500, making an average increase of 2.883.5. The net increase of the Republican counties Is 93,905, making an average increase in these countles of 2,290.3,

On the Globe's own hypothesis these figures would prove that Democracy should be adopted by all counties which desire to grow in population; and that Republican majorities produce deca-

If the Giobe will accept the test of literacy, the countles which it calls decadent will appear at the top of the

If it will accept the test of wealth, as shown by tax returns, these "decadent" countles will stand far higher than any Republican counties, with, possibly, two or three exceptions. If the test be the standard of living,

these same "decadent" counties will occupy a similar position of superiority. Apply any test which competent authorities use in determining the rank of communities, and these very countles

picked by the Globe-Democrat will ut-

terly destroy the claim for the support of which they are cited. Missouri's saddest example of decadence works in the moral fiber of a newspaper which can advance such a claim in the face of facts.

SEES A "WATER SNAKE."

Engineering News of New York, a high authority on municipal and general engineering, in an editorial discussion of St. Louis's water problems, sounds a warning which, coming from such a source, should be heeded.

"It looks as though the Municipal Assembly of St. Louis, in its failure to allow steps to be taken to provide pure water," it says, "was emulating the bad example of Philadelphia in the days of equipped him to bring the City Hall to the 'water snake' or of Jersey City a its present stage of incompletion. few years ago, or of New York City only last year in the case of the proposed Ramapo contract for an additional supply. The Municipal Assembly refuses to make appropriations for investigating water purification at St. Louis, notwithstanding the requests of the Board of Public Improvements. In addition, we understand, it now advocates a reduction in water rates instead of the utilization of the surplus revenues for building purification works. The last is a detail of local finance which we do not propose to discuss, merely calling attention to its possible bearing on the crippling of the Waterworks so as to make it easier to turn the supply end of the plant over to a private company in accordance with a rather indefinite offer for a gravity sup-

ply, made by private parties." Most people believe, from the fact that promoters of the Meramec River supply scheme were prominent at the public hearing on the filter bill which was later defeated, that the defeat of that measure was with a view to favoring the Meramec River Supply scheme St. Louisans believe that a municipal filtration plant installed after proper experiments will free the water supply from a "water snake" which threatens more immediate barm than any number

of colonies of typhoid fever bacilli. People believe further that water-rate reduction would be playing directly into the hands of promoters like those who are exploiting the Meramec River supply. Water-rate reduction would absolutely prevent St. Louis from installing a municipal filter plant. The popular demand for purer and clearer water would compel the change to another supply, since no funds were available for improving the present supply.

St. Louis can solve all its water problems by simply following the suggestion which all Commissioners who have recently had charge of the Waterworks have concurred in making-beginning experiments preparatory to municipal filtration at the earliest possible mo-

REFORM THE POLICE

In the fact that Police Lieutenant Johnson has been detailed, with a force of special officers under his direction, to collect evidence and hunt up witnesses for the purpose of exposing and punishing all police officers guilty of accepting bribes from women of immoral character, there is a reasonable assurance that the Police Department is determined to institute a needed reform in the police organization.

In this most important work the Board of Police Commissioners and the Grand Jury should move together. All facts of corruption in the force should be promptly laid before the Grand Jury. with witnesses in hand and subject to examination by that body. At the same time the Police Board should act swiftly and sternly within its own province for the correction of the police evils now so suddenly brought to the light of day. Absolute impartiality should govern the Next to refusing all parley with the board's action. There must be no shield-

ormation of the police force from top to bottom, wherever reformation is de manded.

It will be well for Governor Dockery to keep a close eye upon all develop ments of the police investigation. He will unquestionably learn much of value to him, such knowledge to be utilized when he shall confront the problem of his administration. Under the law as now existing, the Governor of the State is necessarily responsible for the police service of the State's chief city. The Republic does not believe that Governor Dockery will seek to evade this responsibility. It believes, instead, that he will accept it in full and faithfully per form his duty to this community.

For these reasons it is gratifying to discern indications that there is to be no attempt to suppress the police scandals. The reform of this department is demanded. It should now be certain.

QUEER OLD FAITH.

"We await the day when God will hake known His will," says old Oom Paul Kruger, hoping even now that his country may yet be saved from subjection to alien rule. "We rely on His help more than on Emperors and Princes."

Mrs. John Fowler, W. D. Clark, 1964, Mrs. John David W. Christy Bryan Davis, two boxes; Mrs. Edmand F. Bryan, Mrs. Edmand F. Bryan, Mrs. Louis Chanward N. Wickham, Mrs. Louis Chanward N. Wishleratio N. Westell W. Westell tion to allen rule. "We rely on His help more than on Emperors and Princes."

This is an exceptional faith to be Mrs. John David Davis, two boxes; Mrs. Edmund F. Wickham, Mrs. Heratio N. David Davis Heratio N. David Davis Heratio N.

manifested in these days of trust in the Mrs. Jesse January, ters, strong hand. Unquestionably, it will Mrs. Samuel M. Ken-Miss Lionberger, mark, Mrs. Henry S. Potnot alarm the powerful enemy of Charles Pope O'Falnot alarm the powerful enemy of Kruger's little people to learn that the Almighty is now their sole reliance and hope of deliverance. There will be no call for additional troops to be sent to South Africa owing to the belief of the Boers that God is on their side. To the Boers that God is on their side. To the minds of such men as Jingo Joe Chamberlain and Promoter Cecil Rhodes, bent on possessing the riches of the Transvaal, it does not seem that the Lord God of Hosts needs to be seriously considered in world politics.

And yet it may be that the hard-fighting and pious Dutchmen of South Africa are not doomed to subjugation and national extinction at the hands of the mendous antagonist back from complete conquest. They are undanated still, and have but recently won a signal victory on a bloody field of battle. Stranger things have happened than would be the ultimate escape of the Boers from the fate now menacing them-and especially have they happened in the cases of simple peoples who put not their trust in Princes, but in the Lord God Almighty.

In the eyes of the ordinary man of to day it will be great good luck if the Afrikanders of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State retain their independence in the end. To the Boers themselves, however, it will seem that God intervened where even the world's greatest Republic stood aloof from them. "Bow down, ye mighty!" old Oem Paul Kruger may yet sing; "Bow down unto the Lord Jehovah. For He remembers His people!"

It was probably Mayor Ziegenbein's practical knowledge as an astronomer that led him to discover the possibilities of the moon in street lighting, much as his practical knowledge as a builder

Well, after all, it seems that the West Point boys are not so black as they have been painted in this little matter of bazing. Their sense of humor is more in evidence than their alleged brutality.

There seems to be a fear in McKinlegite minds that the United States Supreme Court may be just independent enough to uphold the American Constitution against the President.

St. Louis has certainly moved under the administration of the Ziegenhein gang. The movement has taken her municipal government about twenty years to the rear.

Mark Hanna's trials and tribulations with the ship-subsidy grab probably cause bim to doubt the truth of the old adage that "where there's a will there's a way."

Your Christmas husband's delight at the present from his wife is tempered by some misgiving as to how much he must pay for it when the bill comes in.

England is rather late in becoming panicky over the energy, enterprise and aggressiveness of American capital. All she needs to feel now is resignation.

It is to the Commission on Public Welfare that the people of this city now look for relief from conditions due to the sacrifice of the public welfare.

Reforming the police and raiding the winerooms are incidental features of that general betterment of St. Louis now daily becoming more certain.

There is especially good reason for the people of St. Louis to believe that the dawn of the new century means a new and better era for them.

When the rebellion in the Philippines shall have been suppressed, where will there be a need for an American regular army of 100,000 men? That Boer colony to settle in the out-

skirts of New York City should be heart and soul with Tammany on the anti-British platform. Maybe the vandevillains now call boozing "benevolent assimilation" be-

cause it leads so inevitably to "criminal aggression." At any rate, it must be said for Ziegenheinism that it has taught city folk to be more appreciative of the moon

and stars. It will be pretty tough on Mr. McKinley's "manifest destiny" if it turns out to be unconstitutional.

Just a Hint.

At Christmas time it's line to hear The north wind blow, The north wind blow,
And see a virgin world appear
Deep wrapped in snow;
The country's stains and scars concealed,
The town's mean grime,
And both in vestal white revealed.
For Christmas time.

At Christmas time, with frosty sting, The blood should thrill; The breath should freeze even as we sing

The breath should freeze even as we sing Songs of good will;
Else where the charm of Christmas tale Or Christmas rhyme,
If these thirgs may not thus prevail
At Christmas time?

RIPLEY D. SAUNDERS.

GLEE CLUB CONCERTS-OTHER EVENTS AND NOTES

The Princeton Glee, Mandolin and Banjo chile, who are to give a concert next Mon-day evening. December 24, at the Odeon, will be extensively entertained during their so organizing the police force in St. short stay. The clubs are expected to arrive early Monday morning. A luncheon Louis that it shall reflect credit upon will be given for them, and also all Princeten undergraduates of St. Louis was are home for the holidays, by Mrs. John David Davis at the Country Club. Mrs. Day's has invited about fifty girls of the younger set to meet the Princeton men. The luncheon will be followed by an infree luncheon will be followed by an in-formal afternoon dance at the clubbouse. Several small dinners will be given that evening by the families of Princeton men who expect to cutertain members of the clubs. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Langenberg, who have had two sons and a nepnew at Princeton; Mr. and Mrs. Fielding Oliver and Mr. and Mrs. K. Doncan Melller will also give dinners.

The list of patronesses for the concert, printed in last Sunday's Republic, contains about forty names of matrons well known in the social world. The boxes for that night are all sold, their holders being: Mesers, Carl, Harry and Roy Langenberg,

Mrs. T. S. McPhoe-

After the concert the clubs will be the guest of the Princeton Club of St. Louis, at the University Clubhouse, in Grand avenue. Officers of the club who will be hosts at his affair are: President, John David Davis; vice presi

dents, William E. Guy, Doctor E. S. Le-Moyne, Charles Claffin Allen; secretary, Joseph W. Lewis; treasurer, K. Duncan Mellier; Executive Committee, James Blair, Horatio N. Dayls, Rolla Wells, Ed-ward F. Goltra, Richard T. Shelton. The St. Louis men now at Princeton are tional extinction at the hands of the great and powerful United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and Empire of India. For more than a year these rude psalm-singers have held their tre-'el; W. D. Gamble, '01; O. B. Blos W. J. Steinwender, '62; Alexander Galt, '63; E. P. Leigh, '62; Erastus Wells, '62; F. E. Peckham, '94; David Metcalfe, '94; D. D.

> St. Louis is announced for Saturday night at the Odeon, will reach the city early on Saturday afternoon. Upon special invitation of Edward A. Faust, the club will visit the Anheuser-Busch Brewery in the afternoon going down in one of the private trolley

Rankin, '04; R. P. Prewitt, special.

Before the concert there will be a few small dinners given to club members. George Simmons, who expects to entertain two of the glee club, and Thomas S. Maffitt will be among the dinner hosts. Some of the box holders for the concert are: Robert Atkinson, D. R. Francis, W. D. Simmons, E. H. Simmons,

Adams,
E. S. Pierce,
Bissell Ware,
Edward Mailinckrodt,
George Simmons,
H. L. O'Fallon,
Mrs. Robert T. Wade,
Chris Edlerbe,
Guilford Duncan,
llows: Henry S. Potter, H. M. Meier, Byron Nugent, Judge Elmer B. The programme follows: The Casino Giri Maria McConnel Maria McConnel Maria McConnel Maria McConnel Braye Mother Yale Merrill 25, Shepard There's One That I Leve Dearly Lane

Mr. Schueeloch and club Tutti Frutti—
Glee and Ranjo clubs.
PART II.

The Charmed Cup.

Drinking Song.

Serenada. Selections from San Tay— Mandelin Club. Negro melodies—Mandelin Cus.

Mesors, Caritsie, Mitchell, Reynolds, Tyler.

PART III. Salome (Intermezzo)
Mandolin Club.
Loraine Dutch Company. Carmen Talense
Warble by Mr. Read.
For Yale. Mr. Schueelech and club.

Brother Good Mr. Schuceloch and club.

Bright College Fear Durant, 'E.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Potter will give a dance to the club after the concert in the recital hall of the Odeon.

Mrs. William G. Moore of Vandeventer place received yesterday afternoon with her daughter, Miss Jessie Atkins Moore. The house was trimmed with holly and smilax, the parlor done in pink roses and the dining-room a hower of the holly. Mrs. Moore wore gray brocade and duchesse lace, and Miss Moore a white liberty silk, ornamented with Arabian lace. Miss Mabel Bryan and Miss Lucy North

served. The matrons of Mrs. Moore' ing list were asked from 4 to 6, and a large number of young girls, most of them being Miss Moore's classmates at Mary Institute 1898, from 3 to 5. They included:

Mesdames—
Robert Atkinson,
E. T. Campbell,
Philip Becker,
Richard Hanenkamp, E. S. Lewis,
J. E. Newby,
A. J. Rogers,
A. Shapleigh Boyd,
W. S. Bryan,
Paul Brown,
Misses Edith Delafield, Florence Harrison, Emma Hofman,

Myra Opel.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Lila Simpson, Woodville Simpson, Edith Souther, Susan Thomson, Eloise Ware, Elizabeth Morrison, Jane Wilkin Clemence Samish. Adele Schmitz, Augusta Wilderman, Georgia Wright,

MISS MARTHA SARNER, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Sarner of St. Louis, who will marry Doctor A. B. Wigginton of Pitts-burg on December 24.

Maza Scott, Olive Simpkins,

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Mauran guests of Secretary of the Interior Hitch-cock and Mrs. Hitchcock, at Washington, for the holidays,

2812 Cleveland avenue will return the last of the week from a fortnight's visit in New York. The Misses Lustig announce the engage

ment of their sister, Hannah Lustig, to Mr. Max Epstein of Aurora, Ind. They will re-ceive Sunday afternoon and evening, December 30, at their home, No. 2817 Eads ave-

Mrs. B. F. Fine, formerly Miss Vinnye Craig, who has lived in the East since her marriage, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Craig, No. 2023 Lucas avenue. The Sin Claire Informal will give its third dance of the winter at West End Hal

Wednesday evening, December 35. Mrs. R. M. Higgins and her nephew Charles H. Smith, are visiting friends i Eureka Springs.

Miss Louise McIntosh gave a Welsh "Rab bit" party last evening for her guest, Miss Cheatham of Warrensburg, Mo. Those who enjoyed the entertainment were: Misso

Gertrude Ballard, Stewart, Messieurs-Will Becker, Louis Gruner,

The engagement of Miss Marie Dierker hughter of Bernard Dierkes, to Doctor Rudolph Yaeckel, Lieutenant in the German Army, has just been announced. Mr. Dierkes and his family have recently returned from stay of two years on the Continent.

Knight Colver of Cul-ver, Ind.

Invitations have just been received by St Louis friends to the wedding of Miss Ger trude Scherek of Natchez, Miss., and Mr. Sol of the bridegroom, will act as best man. The ceremony will take place at Natchez Thursday afternoon, January 2, and will be handsome church function. After a trip North they will live in St. Louis,

MISS OLIVIA BELLE PARKER WEDS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 20.—Miss Olivia
Belle Parker, daughter of Mr., and Mrs. J.
H. Parker, formerly of St. Louis, was married at 7:30 o'clock this evening to James Ferguson Burns of Colorado Springs, Colo. The ceremony too home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tootle, Mrs. Tootle being a sister of the bride. The decorations were evergreen wreaths, palms mistletoe, holly and American beauty roses Reverend G. Heathcote Hills Christ Episcopal Church performed the eremony. The attendants were J. H. Parker, Jr., brother of the bride, and Mis-

Hazel and Gladys Tootle, little daughters of Mrs. Jack Tootle, were the flower girls. Mr. and Mrs. Burns will live in Colorado Springs, where Mr. Burns has large mining interests. They left after the ceremony for the East, where they will visit a month before going to Colorado Springs,

MR. EUGENE ARCHER GILL MARRIES REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 20.—Mr. Eugene Archer Gill of St. Louis, Mo., and Miss Pattie Viola Tucker, one of Richmond's prettiest and most popular society girls, were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents at high noon to day. The decorations were lavish and the company a fashionable one, The bride, who is a daughter of Mrs

Martha P. Tucker, and is connected with one of the most distinguished families in Virginia, was attired in a mode traveling suit and a gorgeous red velvet hat, and carried a bouquet of American beauty

The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Doctor W. R. P. Smith, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Gill left on the noon train for an extended Northern trip. They will return to Richmond for a few days during home in St. Louis.

Mr. Gill was for a number of years a resident of Richmond, connected with the car service department of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, but is now connected with the office of superintendent of car service of the Wabash Railway in St.

TWO DEUCES WIN \$1,150 IN OCEAN POKER GAME.

New York, Dec. 20,-Two deuces won a pot of \$1,150 in a stashing poker game on the big ocean racer Kaiser Withelm der Grosse, which arrived here to-day, twenty hours late, from Cherbourg.

There would have been bullet holes in the cabin walls if the game had been played

in a Western mining town. Every one of the five millionaires who sat down to the game was a born bluffer, and the pot went to the best of the party-H. Morgan Hill of San Francisco, Mr. Hill is said to have won over \$10,000 on the way across, dropping some of it to Louis L. Lorillard, whose trip over netted him enough money to contest a will case.

Mr. Hill was the ouletest man on the vessel. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter, and sat for three days under a steamer rug until some one discovered a knowing look in his eye and invited him to

"Don't know one card from another," re-

"Come on! It's an easy game, and one can't go out of doors. Give us a hand here and help us out," persisted Mr. Lorillard.

After considerable feinting on the part of the gentleman from San Francisco, he said he would try a deal or two and then go to bed. Mr. Hill fumbled over his cards a little and seemed to take kindly to things. He won a few pots and his eyes began to sparkle. Mr. Hill is a triffe hard of hearing and frequently startled the party by dumping into the pot large rolls of greenbacks after some one had "called" in the poker undertone.

The game went on inside and the gale be-"Come on! It's an easy game, and one

had mastered the art of poker to some ex-tent, Mr. Lorillard put down a small bet and every one seemed to want to get it. "A hundred better," said Mr. Guenther, another member of the party.
"What's that?" asked Mr. Hill, putting
his hand to his ear. "A hundred better than

hand, then at Mr. Guenther. "Fifty better than you." Mr. Lorillard finally called, and the hand

were thrown down on the table. Hill's hand had two deuces, the only pair that showed. The Western railroad man and banker raked in \$1.150 on two deuces. During night Mr. Hill is sald to have cleared nearly \$6,000. The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse had

stormy passage, encountering seas which Among her passengers was Ira D. Sankey the evangelist, who, after spending severa months in England, discerns a distinct revival of the religious spirit, which he says augurs well for the new century. The English people, Mr. Sankey thinks, have been chastened by the war in South Africa, and he attributes the religious revival to this

DRILLERS STRIKE COAL VEIN.

Excellent Quality Said to Have Been Reached at 460 Feet.

dumping into the pot large rolls of green-backs after some one had "called" in the poker undertone.

The game went on inside and the gale became worse outside. It was a bad night out doors, and worse for three men in the quiet little poker game.

Finally, after Mr. Hill of San Francisco

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS ARE TO CONSIDER REORGANIZATION.

After the Holidays a Meeting Will Be Held to Discuss Methods for Getting Together—Comment on Cleveland's Views.

The remainder of the last session of the of the House of Representatives, and possi-bly the Senate, will be the forum from which the party's representatives will out-Wisen approached to-day for e. line the methods for getting together. Some of the leading Democrats in Congress are at work now on the speeches that

are intended to shape the lines of future Democratic policy. Men who led the last unsuccessful fight, and against whom there can be no cry of "bolter," are preparing, with painstaking care, treatises on the mistakes of the past and the things essential to unite all believers in the fundamental principles of Democracy, so that victories may again be won.

Spirit of Conciliation Evident.

The significant fact in connection with the plans of the party leaders here outlined is that, except in a vague way, they have since election refrained from comment on reorganization. Much of the so-called "reorganization" talk has come from sources distasteful to the men who have been continual workers in connection with the party machinery. When men who had been classe with the enemy said "reorganization" the supporters in Congress of the last two Democratic national tickets replied hotiy that there was no necessity for reorganiza-tion—that the party still lived, and, per-

haps had gained in wisdom.
"Wait until the smoke of battle has cleared away," said those who claimed regularity; "nothing can be accomplished by precipitous haste."

It is new apparent that the leaders here believe the smoke of battle has cleared sufficiently to permit of a dispassionate review of the situation that the party found itself in the morning after election, and the same leaders propose to take the initlative, bringing together the separated forces. There is in evidence a spirit of conciliation that was much less pronounced a few weeks ago, Radicals there are, who still anathematized all those who strayed away in 1896, but they are the exceptions

days political questions will be taken up Washington, Dec. 29.—Reorganization—or which will command wide attention. The which will command wide attention. The thing individual taste may prefer of the Democratic party, will be begun after the holidays by the Democratic leaders in matters will offer large opportunities for matters will offer large opportunities for political debate. In the consideration of these subjects Democrats will take advan-

Fifty-sixth Congress is to be utilized by tage of the wide latitude permitted by the Democrats to start the work, and the half customs of the national law-making bodies to review in gross all the basies that the When approached to-day for expressions of opinion on the latest pronouncement of Grover Cleveland, some of the most prominent members of Congress declined to make comment, and one reason, it was learned, was because they intend to speak officially

from their places on the floor, and to give their utterances formal circulation through the pages of the Congressional Record. The sententions comment of Representa five Berry of Kentucky, that 'The ideas are good, but Cleveland is hardly the person to make suggestions," is typical of a strong feeling in both houses of Congress.

It may be stated authoritatively that the be marked by some of the most interesting atterances for the rank and file of Democracy that have gone forth in recent years. Mr. De Armond's Comment.

Representative De Armond of Missouri, ia commenting on ex-President Cleveland's re-organization article, said:

"I have glanced over what appears in the papers this morning as a synopsis of Mr. Cleveland's notions of what ought to be done to put the Democratic party in the way of winning elections. I think the ex-President is correct in his conclusion that it is not necessary for the party to put it-self for reorganization purposes into the hands of some of those who deserted it in the battle, and who, while exuiting over its defeat, have kindly offered to reorganize it. At least, Mr. Cleveland does not urge that the reorganization project be pushed. Per-haps he would be content to have the would be reorganizers put back into leadership in

some other way.
"When the ex-President informs us at what time in its history the rank and file what time in its history the rank of the Democratic party were consulted more fully, or their judgment followed more completely, than in 1896 and 1999, we have been better how to estimate his

future of the Democratic party J. Sterling

"It will require wisdom, patient patriotism

and great organizing ability to rehabilitate the Democratic party so as to have it com-

mand the respect of thoughtful citizens who

prefer a realignment such as they have al-ways had, but when economics and other

questions have been ably and fairly debated

by statesmen and scholars and are then submitted for final determination to a mob

of men who have neither studied nor thought, a good result is by no means cer-tain, even in the United States.

"Personally, I should prefer a realignment of American voters in a new party organization under a new name. It would have no dishonest-money record to defend. It would have no dishonest-money record to defend. It would have only the present and future of the Republic to answer for. Its opponents could taunt it with no past. Patriotism organized to protect and perpetuate the Government is needed now, to-day,

more than partisanship under whatsoever

Olney Expresses No Optatos

Government. The 'rank and file'

Morton, Secretary of Agriculast Cleveland Cabinet, said:

BRYAN'S COMMENT ON CLEVELAND'S ARTICLE, "PLIGHT OF DEMOCRACY."

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 29.—Commenting upon Mr. Cleveland's article in the Saturday Evening Post of Philadelphia, W. J. Bryan said to-day:

"Until Mr. Cleveland sets forth definitely what he considers Democratic principles there is no necessity for comment. The rank and file of the party expressed themselves in 1896 and in 1900, and I have no doubt they will continue to express them-selves on issues as they arise."

INDORSES CLEVELAND'S VIEWS. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Washington, Dec. 20.—Hilary Herbert, who

was President Cleveland's Secretary of the Navy, said to-day:
"I indorse Mr. Cleveland's views heartily. excepting insofar as it may be a criticism of the action of the Democratic party in supporting Greeley on the liberal Republican platform of 1872. If Mr. Cleveland had meant to say that the Greeley movement was, taken as a whole, unwise, I should put in my emphatic dissent. The times in 1872 were abnormal. The Southern States were

in the throes of carpet-bag misrue.
"For the Southern people it was a question of life or death. T him in its distress, and he became in fact the candidate of the Southern rather than of the Northern Democracy. The effect of this support was to open the eyes of Northern voters, and in the next elections came the tidal wave of 1874.

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"Still, Mr. Cleveland is right in saying that the rank and file of the Democrats could not be brought into line to support an old antagonist. Taken all together, there is no answering Mr. Cleveland's argu-MORTON PREFERS A NEW PARTY. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Nebraska City, Neb., Dec. 20.—Of the

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Boston, Mass., Dec. 20.-Richard Olney. Secretary of State in the Cleveland admin-

istration, is very much interested in the former President's plans for the regeneration of the Democratic party.
"I have read an abstract of the article," said Mr. Olney to-night, "but I do not care to discuss the subject now. I would ticle in its entirety before expressing an opinion, if I have any to expr

FULLER MAY DECIDE COLONIAL CASES: OTHER JUSTICES EVENLY DIVIDED.

tention.

Washington, Dec. 20.-In congressional circles the belief is freely expressed that at this stage the Supreme Court of the United States is widely divided on the Porto Rican and Philippine tariff cases, and that the decision will be left to Chief Justice Fuller. Thus the court stands either 5 to 4 or 4 to 5 on the Government's con-

The administration professes to be very confident that the decision will be in favor of the continuance of its policy. The confidence of the administration's followers in the Senate and in the House, however, has been rudely shaken by the attitude of Benjamin Harrison and Grover Cleveland, both of whom have great weight with the Supreme Court and by the fact that Attorney General Griggs, during his argument on Wednesday, was plied with apparently hostile questions by Justices Brewer, Harlan, White and Brown. If these judges are hoswhite and Brown. If these judges are hos-tile to the administration's position and all of the others are favorable to the adminis-tration's position, it leaves a narrow ma-jority of one vote.

It is recalled that President Harrison appointed Justice Brewer, Shiras and Brown and President Cleveland appointed Justices Fuller, White and Peckham, while no one believes that any of these Judges are likely to be influenced by opinions entertained by the distinguished former Presidents, who placed them on the bench, it is neverthe an interesting fact that two-thirds of the Justices of the Supreme Court owe their appointments to former Presidens, who are

now assailing the imperialistic policy of the administration. Friends of the administration, who grasp at every straw, indicating that Attorney General Griggs' contention will be sus General Griggs' contention will be sus-tained, are pointing out as significant the grouping of the Porto Rican case and the Philippines case together. This was done by Chief Justice Fuller at the request of the Attorney General. The Porto Rican case is not regarded as a very strong one, whereas the Philippines case gave the Gov-ernment a great deal of concern. The frends of the administration are now argufrends of the administration are now arguing that the bunching of these cases will result in a decision in favor of the Govern-ment on the general principle that a chain is only so strong as its weakest link, and in this case the weak link is the Porto Ri-

DECISION AGAINST LABOR UNION LAW.

Illinois Supreme Court Holds That the Act Deprives Employer of Right to Terminate a Contract.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Springfield, Ill., Dec. 20,-The Illinois Supreme Court to-day declared unconstitution-

In passing on the case, the Supreme Court recites that under the Constitution a man

tract with an employe. The Constitution accords him this right, the same as it allows an employe to terminate his contract with Reverend R. S. Duncan of Montgomery his employer.

City, uncle of the bride, officiated.

CAPITAL STOCK MAY BE \$150,000,000.

al the legislative act of 1893, which was aimed to guarantee the right of employes to belong to labor unions.

cannot be deprived of his life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness without due process of law. These attributes, the Court holds, embrace whatever is necessary to secure and effectuate the enjoyment of hese constitutional rights. The rights of liberty and property include the right to acquire property by labor and by con-

If an owner cannot be deprived of property without due process of law, he can-not be deprived of any of the attributes that are essential to his personal rights.
This act, the Court declares, deprives an employer of the right to terminate a contract with an employe. The Constitution ac-

Report Published in London That Vickers-Maxim and Cramp Companies Will Consolidate.

London, Dec. 29.-Details of the alleged impending consolidation of the Vickers-Maxim and Cramp companies are published here. It is said the capital will be £30,000,000. Of £19,000,000 preference shares, the Cramps

take half, the balance to be underwritten in the United States. The Vickers-Maxim Company gives all its American patents, recelving in return £500,000 in ordinary stock. The foregoing statements are dented by director of the Vickers-Maxim Company. who said to the Associated Press to-day that nothing has yet been decided upon, and

first submitted to the shareholders. Uncle Officiates at Wedding.

that any question of consolidation will be

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Bowling Green, Mo., Dec. 20,-Mr. George W. Jacobs and Miss Pearl Motley were

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